

**Frederick County Commission on
Disabilities (COD) Minutes
Monday September 13, 2021
Virtual Meeting**

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Karen Duffy, who recognized the existence of a quorum and called for approval of the meeting agenda. This was done by unanimous vote with a motion by Dave Drezner and a second by Theresa Posthuma.

Attendance

The following members were present: Karen Duffy, Karen Rushing, Theresa Posthuma, David Drezner, Mark Swift, Evan Evans, Jackie Kanekuni and Lisa Clark. County staff members Miles Ward and Pat Fleet, and sign language interpreter Christal Gastley were also present. Guests were Brian Hissong, Meghan Jancuk, and Shawn Dennison.

- II. The guest speaker was Bryan Hissong, Community Engagement Manager with the Frederick County Public Libraries, who spoke about programs and

services that are offered for people with disabilities. The libraries offer ADA compliant workstations and use of large text on computers. They have Bookmobile services, a mobile book shelf and curbside services so individuals do not have to enter the building to receive items. E-books are available including audio books. The FCPL card opens access to the state's Maryland Deaf Culture Library with books and sign stories. Virtual programming and all Zoom meetings have closed caption capabilities.

III. Business

- a) A motion was made by Theresa Posthuma with a 2nd by Jackie Kanekuni which led to a unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the July COD meeting.
- b) Karen Duffy stated she has been invited to a discussion to provide input on the upcoming Frederick County Human Services Roundtable. She asked for member input and topics the members provided were:
 - Digital Divide
 - Assistive Technology
 - Communication Devices
 - Interpreting Services

- Transportation
- Care takers for homebound Senior Citizens

c) The October COD Resource Fair has been put on hold due to COVID concerns. There is an opportunity to partner with AmeriCorps on their annual Martin Luther King Day of Service event in January.

d) A motion was made by Theresa Posthuma and a 2nd by Jackie Kanekuni with a unanimous vote to change the COD Bylaws to change the term limits for the Chair to 3 years instead of the current 2.

e) A discussion regarding formation of workgroup to research and make recommendations to the County about emergency traffic signal devices was agreed upon. Jackie Kanekuni will begin the research.

IV. Members that chose to do so gave closing remarks.

V. The meeting was adjourned.